IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kurt A. Zarefoss et al.

Application No. : 09/965,854

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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPLY CHAIN

MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING COLLABORATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 3, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following preliminary amendment, together with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 which is submitted herewith. Applicants request reconsideration and further examination of the Application in view of the amendments and/or comments as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: Begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks: Begin on page 10.